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Methamphetamine

Building Community-Wide
Solutions

Impacts on Families

- Dangers of children being exposed to toxic fumes
- Increase in child abuse and neglect cases
- Increased risk for substance abuse among children in later life
- A rise in domestic disputes

Meth affects You...

- Each meth addict commits several crimes each year to support his/her habit.

Concerned citizens will:

- Become aware of risk factors that might lead to meth addiction.
- Become familiar with meth, the symptoms of meth use, and signs of meth production.
- Recognize the impact of meth on families and the costs and effects on public health, safety, environment and rural economic development.
- Plan simple strategies to help individuals and communities fight this growing problem.

Social Impact

- Increased health costs
- Lost work and wages
- Environmental hazards
- Dangers to children living in meth home
- Domestic violence
- Increase in violent erratic behavior

Comprehensive vs. Single Strategy Approaches

- Single Strategy – seeks to address a complex problem with a single remedy
VS
- Comprehensive Strategy – seeks to include every system that can bring remedy to a problem

Comprehensive

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Enforcement
- Treatment
- Community Mobilization

Strategic

- Planning
- What are the key factors to impact?
- Who has an interest?
- Who's affected?
- Who makes change happen in this arena?
- Who has resources?
Who has regulatory or enforcement responsibilities?

Steps for Planning the Strategies:

- Assess the situation
- Identify Priorities
- Engage all segments of society
- Develop a plan
- Implement plan
- Evaluate and reassess situation

Components of a Comprehensive Methamphetamine Strategy

Enforcement	Prosecution	City codes/legislation
Child Protection	Community Coalition	Clean-Up
Public Health	Treatment	Drug Courts
Schools	Business	Medical Community

Current Status

- Who convenes your meth efforts?
- Who's at the table?
- What are the components of your meth strategy? What's missing?
- What's working?
- What isn't? What are the barriers?
- What are the opportunities?

Coalition

- A mutually beneficial and well defined relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve results that they are more likely to achieve together than alone.

Coalitions

- Servant leadership model
- Members share a stake in both process and outcome
- Clear roles and responsibilities are developed
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Equal decision making authority (per member – not based on rank or authority)

Membership

- Appropriate cross section of members
- Mutual respect, understanding, and trust
- Members see coalition as in their best interest
- Ability to compromise
- Enlist those who are passionate

Membership Continued

- Develop a shared vision
- Insist on open and frequent communication
- Disclose self-interest as an official part of first meeting
- Decide on concrete, attainable goals and objectives
- Clearly define roles, commitments
- Use a skilled, unbiased convener

Effective coalitions have a broad mix of grassroots individuals and power brokers

Partnerships can be developed with....

- Emergency response agencies (Fire & Medical)
- Neighboring Law Enforcement Agencies
- City Prosecutors / County Attorney's (increase penalties and prosecution)
- Parks Departments
- City Code Enforcement Units
- Environmental Protection Agencies

Partnerships Continued...

- Agencies or businesses involved in hazardous chemical clean up
- Local health departments (enforce nuisance laws and conduct clean up efforts)
- Child welfare agencies
- Youth and Family Service Agencies (to assist endangered children and families)
- Neighborhood Watch Groups

Strategies for Community Meth Prevention Initiatives

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| • Public Awareness | • Law Enforcement hotline |
| • Retail Involvement | • Workshops |
| • School / Youth Involvement | • Drug Endangered Children Programs |
| • Media | • Crime Free Multi-Housing Programs |
| • Drug Courts | • Health Officials |
| • Treatment Resources | • Neighborhood Watch |
| • Legislation | • Code Enforcement/Abatement |
| • Hotels and Motels | |
| • Landlords | |

Partnerships Continued...

- Hotel/Motel Staff / Gas Service Employees (to assist in lab identification)
- Local retailers of precursor chemicals
- Drug Courts
- Treatment Centers
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- US Attorney's Offices
- National Guard Demand Reduction
- Partnership for Drug Free America
- Media

Recommendations

- Enforcement: Community hotline number, meth lab awareness training, patrol of hot spots, stronger enforcement of precursor laws, engage schools and public, expand community policing efforts, gain cooperation of local businesses and media, investigate sources of chemicals, enforcement of city ordinances and codes.
(criminal nuisance/abatement)

Recommendations

- Prevention: Effective media campaign, awareness program for community groups, teachers, students, government and business leaders. Develop and actively enforce work place and school drug policies. Education programs through collaboration with community resources. Identify and introduce science based prevention programs.

Recommendations

- Treatment: Identify treatment resources and options, educate public on needs, effectiveness and cost, identify access to affordable and effective treatment, seek funding to expand treatment, identify government aid, develop drug screening, assessment and monitoring of drug offenders.

Recommendations

- Landlords/Real estate: educate on signs of meth use or production, property cleanup and cost, abandoned property, preventing and reporting drug activity, maintain housing standards, educate on criminal/civil nuisance violations and abatement process and identify environmental hazards.

How can I help

Individual + Parent + Student + Community

Each of us by doing our part, be it big or small, can help fight meth. We can make a difference in maintaining the quality of life that we desire in our communities!